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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the appointment of Bromley K. Smith as Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, succeeding James S. Lay.

Bromley K. Smith was born April 21, 1911 at Muscatine, Iowa. He is a graduate of Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, class of 1932. Smith was a reporter and news editor in Washington, D.C. before 1940 when he joined the State Department.

Mr. Smith became senior member of the NSC staff in 1953, and was the Executive Officer of the Operations Coordinating Board from 1958-1961. Prior to this time he held various positions in the Department of State, including serving as Alternate State Representative on the National Security Council's Planning Board and member of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff. He attended the National War College in 1951-1952. From 1940 to 1949 he was a career Foreign Service Officer, serving in Canada, Bolivia, and in the Office of the Secretary of State.

Under the National Security Act of 1947, the Executive Secretary is responsible for the staff work of the National Security Council. Mr. Smith will work directly with McGeorge Bundy, the Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The position pays \$20,000 annually.

Mr. Smith is married to the former Chloethiel Woodard of Portland, Oregon; they have two children, Bromley Keables, Jr. and Susanne Woodard. The Smith family resides at 2328 Massachusetts Avenue, NW in Washington.

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